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LUZERNE NAMES

MR. LEISENRING

Nominated for Congress by the Republicans on the First Ballot.

VERY LIVELY BUT HARMONIOUS

Captain Alfred Darte, of Kingston, Captures the Orphan's Court Judgeship Nomination on the Second Ballot, Defeating George S. Ferris—Scenes and incidents of the Most Exciting Republican County Convention in the History of the Mother County—Candidates and Platform.

THE LUZERNE TICKET. For Congress, JOHN LEISENRING, of Upper Lehigh. For Judge of the Orphan's Court, CAPT. ALFRED DARTE, of Kingston. For District Attorney, D. A. FELL, of Wilkes-Barre.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

WILKES-BARRE, Aug. 7.—Young blood was today in the renovated Republicanism of Luzerne; but not until that second veteran, Morgan B. Williams, and his effective lieutenant, James M. Morris, and ex-Senator E. B. Weaver, had given it one of the liveliest and most interesting in many a day. When it is considered that John Leisenring, of Upper Lehigh, had been making rapid headway with his candidacy for congress for months before the dogmatic ex-senator had definitely decided to enter the race, and that the active period of the Williams campaign has been confined practically within the last month, the fact that the former came under the wire a winner by so narrow a margin was almost a victory for the crowd managers of his opponent.

A SHORT LIVED TRIUMPH

But this victory was short-lived. With the noon adjournment came a grand rally of the lower enders. Reserve forces were trotted out and sent on double quick to reinforce the veterans; and when at 2:30 in the afternoon, after an agonizing wait, the convention hall in a temperature strongly suggestive of hell, the doors were again thrown open and the perspiring delegates were a second time permitted to surge in, it soon became apparent from the complacency among whom was Field Marshall Kieck, that the headquarters of the Republican party had captured a number of stragglers from the enemy's camp.

TWO ORATORICAL DEMOCRATS.

The first of these speakers was District Attorney John M. Gaitman, of Nanticoke. When asked what he could say about the Republican party he promptly retorted that he could say nothing about it except that if he were running against it, the convention's nominee for congress would not be in sight. Later on, Playwright Daniel L. Hart, just returned from an outing in the Catskills, was solicited to amuse the assembly of the Republican party. He began by quoting David B. Hill's famous phrase, "I am a Democrat" and declared that if Luzerne Republicans didn't want to hear him make a Democratic speech they should not have called upon him. This was the substance to a spirited exposition of Democracy, mainly in humor, in his character, but sufficiently rapid to exhibit in conspicuous relief the Republican liberality which tolerated it. Mr. Hart might have added another famous speech to the list of great partisan orations had he not inadvertently accused the General Grant of having been a Democrat "by-fish-de-wah." This excited the ire of a venerable delegate in one of the rear seats, and with capillary portierres vibrating in indignation, he arose and launched forth a vehement denial. A verbal duel at long range ensued, to the infinite amusement of the spectators; and after vain effort to withdraw the political veteran's wrath Mr. Hart gracefully subsided.

MR. FULLER'S MASTERLY EFFORT.

Following the permanent organization, which was effected by Temporary Chairman Shook's retirement in favor of Dr. W. G. Weaver, nominating speeches were called for. That of H. H. Fuller, placing in nomination the old Morgan B. Williams, was the oratorical gem of the convention, keen, witty, lustrous and exquisitely phrased. When he likened Congressman Hines to that useless and infamously ignorant of a former bowel called the vermiform appendix, which, when swollen into the disease called political appendicitis, had once before called for surgical excision of the man he made names, and which now needed a reputation of that treatment, the con-

vention fairly rose to its feet with laughter and cheering. In the more serious phases of his address, Mr. Fuller referred most offensively to the spurious claims of Hines to the friendship of the laboring classes, and said that the kind of demagoguery which, for political effect, lusted poverty as a virtue, and held property as a crime, and which, instead of men of sagacity, intelligence and merit, filled the halls of legislation with Populists, socialists, anarchists and tramps, had, he was happy to believe, had its day in Luzerne county and in the nation.

THE DECISIVE BALLOT.

There were no other nominations, and only one ballot was required to establish the result. As the polling of the delegates proceeded, the intense closeness of the fight became newly apparent; and each new vote, as it added or lessened the chances of Mr. Leisenring's nomination, was awaited with almost a painful tension of feeling. In the Williams managers had counted on splitting practically even with the Leisenring forces; but instead of only polled 13 votes to the other man's 22. That settled it. Hats went up, chairs were thumped until the ceilings shook, men from down Hazleton way embraced each other in repeated expressions of jubilation and Chairman Weaver waited for order to no more effect than King Canute wailed for the rising tide of the sea to desist from wetting his royal feet. Finally, a preamble was made of ordering uniformed officers to clear the aisle and forcibly seat the more demonstrative delegates, the exact time the treat had the desired effect. The vote was then announced as follows:

CAPTAIN DARTE FOR JUDGE

The battle for orphan's court judge followed, the candidates named being Captain Alfred Darte, of Kingston; George S. Ferris, of West Pittston; and Isaac P. Hand, of Wilkes-Barre. From the onset the fight was beyond Darte and Ferris, Hand dropping out after the first ballot. Captain Darte's record and his campaigning, combined with his personal acquaintance in the lower end, gave him the victory, his plurality over Mr. Ferris being 39 votes. Upon all sides it was admitted that Mr. Ferris had made an excellent impression. From the beginning of his canvass he demeaned himself in excellent taste, steadily refusing to use anything or sanction the doing of anything by others which might make an unpleasant reminiscence in the event of his elevation to the bench. While defeated in this, his first aspiration to office, he enjoys the increased personal respect of all his old friends, and has beside won many new friends, who, should he ever be a candidate again, would work incessantly in his behalf.

SKETCH OF THE NOMINEE.

Who John Leisenring is and how he is Generally Regarded.

HAZLETON, Pa., Aug. 7.—Few men are so well known in lower Luzerne as is John Leisenring. Of a family made illustrious many years ago through the sagacity, business keenness and sterling integrity of John Leisenring's father, who settled in Eckley forty years ago, the congressman from this district was born forty-one years ago the third day of last June, in Lansford, Carbon county. The early years of John Leisenring's life were passed in good, hard work. Although his father had already laid the foundation of an ample fortune, the son was never an idler, either by disposition or from choice. In fact, the prudent discipline of the parent would soon have put a stop to any juvenile inclination on John's part to shirk work, had there been such. The ambition of Mr. Leisenring, sr., was to rear a family possessed of his own sturdy virtues; and among the traits he wisely developed, idleness or indifference to the real value of things was not present.

Young Leisenring entered Princeton college in the latter half of the sixties, but never graduated, having, in 1870, been called to the management of his father's extensive gold mining interests in the west. These he put in first-class shape and later returned east to accept a position as civil and mining engineer on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, with the management of which his brother, S. B. Leisenring, is honorably affiliated. In 1873 Mr. Leisenring moved to Anderson to take charge of the mine in that place. Two years later he located in his present home in Upper Lehigh, where for nearly twenty years he and his brother, E. B. Leisenring, have been engaged in extensive coal mining operations. In 1882 he went to Colorado and some time supervising the development of valuable properties. He now has a large stock ranch there. He was married to Miss Mary Simpson, a Mauch Chunk lady, in 1885, and has a beautiful home in the town where his mines are located. In personal characteristics, Mr. Leisenring is the embodiment of dignified good faith and gentility. He has a frank, open manner of greeting one, looking his guest straight in the eye as he grasps his hand and makes aim at a reputation of that treatment, the con-

GAME OF BLUFF IN THE SENATE

Mr. Cooper Declares the Body to Be the Pillory of Public Opinion.

BYNUM'S PEACEFUL RESOLUTION

Proceedings of the House Caucus Love Feast Yesterday Afternoon. Many of the Representatives Willing to Vote on the Senate Bill—Others Contend That the Country Is Claiming for Wilson's Unaltered Frank Originally Sanctioned by the House.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.

FIFTEEN minutes after the house adjourned this afternoon, that is to say at 3 o'clock, the Democratic members began behind closed doors the consideration of the present critical state of the tariff bill. The galleries and floor had been cleared of all outsiders and all the entrances were guarded by employees. Naturally, the interest outside was something intense in view of the important matters which might or might not be decided by those within; but waiting was unsatisfactory, and gradually the crowd dwindled away in the belief that the caucus would be prolonged.

MR. BYNUM'S RESOLUTION.

Mr. Bynum offered the following resolution and proceeded to address the caucus upon it: Whereas, House bill 404 for the reduction of taxation and the exclusive power for the government, passed the house on the first day of February and the senate on the third day of July, and was sent to conference on the seventh day of July last; and

Whereas, the commercial interest of the country has been in suspense awaiting a final settlement of the question; and

Whereas, the people of the whole country have, through the public press and by petitions and memorials in both houses of congress, demanded a speedy decision; and

Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that the Democratic conferees of the house and senate should meet in a friendly and amicable spirit, and that they should agree upon a measure which will meet the approval of all.

COUNTRY DEMANDS SETTLEMENT.

Mr. Bynum approached the subject, he said, in no spirit of partisanship or unkindness to the conferees. The country demanded a speedy settlement of the tariff question; and he spoke for the people of the west and northwest. He said he would vote for any bill that might be reported, and that the senate bill would be better than no bill.

He was followed by Mr. Wilson, chairman of the ways and means committee. Mr. Wilson's remarks were of the most general character. He spoke of the embarrassments under which the conferees had labored. He said the house members realized the position of the senatorial representatives, and that both sides were meeting in a spirit of harmony. He disappointed the caucus, however, by remaining silent as to what the conferees had done or what they were liable to do.

MR. LIVINGSTON, OF GEORGIA, THEN OFFERED A SUBSTITUTE TO THE BYNUM RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN THE WISDOM AND PATRIOTISM OF THE CONFEREES AND RELATING THE WHOLE SUBJECT TO THEM.

Mr. Bynum made a point of order against the substitute. Mr. Bynum insisted that he also had the fullest confidence in the conferees, but he had talked with senators in the last twenty-four hours, who had assured him that no bill could pass that body at the senate bill. What he wanted was action of some sort.

SENATE'S GAME OF BLUFF.

This started a storm of protest from every part of the chamber. During the excitement Mr. Cooper, of Indiana, obtained the floor and in a heated manner said that the senatorial body was playing a game of bluff; that the people were behind the Wilson bill, and that the senate was now in the pillory of public opinion.

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